

# NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Spring has arrived at Northwestern and University Circle has been busy over the winter with lots of activity. In December, we provided items for needy families at the Northwestern Settlement House and enjoyed an evening of wrapping their gifts and exchanging holiday cookies with each other. In January, we enjoyed a potluck dinner followed by a performance of *Undine* produced by NU's theater department. Our Ethnic Dining group had a fun dim sum brunch at Koi Restaurant in Evanston. The Piecemaker quilters, Spanish speakers, and knitters have all been meeting regularly, as well.

With the arrival of spring comes the 100th anniversary of Northwestern University Circle. Many of our members, both new and old, were treated to an amazing dinner at President Schapiro's home to celebrate the occasion, complete with custom cookie favors for each attendee commemorating our 100th anniversary. The evening's program, thanks to your generosity and the work of our Scholarship Committee, also included awarding scholarships to three deserving women, Jessica



Jane Dowding



Trink Newman

Agosto, Elizabeth Quinn, and Caitlin Tucker, to continue their studies at Northwestern. In addition, we will also have our Annual Spring Luncheon at the Allen Center on May 20th. In June, a group from Circle will attend the 16th Biennial Conference of Big Ten University Women's Organizations at Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio.

All of the above activities and endeavors happen because of the hard work of many members of NU Circle. We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to the board members and interest group chairs who have worked so hard to make this year special for all of us. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you over the past two years. We so appreciate your dedication and

service and cherish the friendships we have made in the process!



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## MISSION

The mission of University Circle is to provide opportunities for Northwestern University women to participate in service, scholarship, and social activities that enhance the University community.

## MEMBERSHIP

If you know of a woman who is interested in becoming part of University Circle, please bring her along to a special interest group or general membership program. You may also contact Margaret Schatz at 847-475-2365 and she will happily send membership information out by mail. You can find membership information on the University Circle web site: [northwestern.edu/university-circle](http://northwestern.edu/university-circle)

## BOARD MEETINGS

University Circle Board meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of most months, at Parkes Hall, first floor, Room 122. All members are welcome. Meetings typically last one hour and are always lively and fun. Please contact one of the co-presidents if you plan to attend and/or if you have an item for the agenda.

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Ethnic Dining	Catherine Launay Elisabeth Malthouse
Spanish Conversation	Nancy Allred
Piecemakers Quilters	Margaret Schatz Cathryn Timmers
Scholarship	Gay Menges
Settlement House	Claudia Krizek (Holiday Project) Sylvia Taflove (Kids' Concert) Eileen McGowan (Kids' Concert) Jane Wilson (Holiday Project)
Social Service	Glenda Mockros (General Chair) Marietta Paynter
International Women	Joan Fragen

For information about other interest groups, please contact either co-president.

# UNIVERSITY CIRCLE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

– by Elisabeth Malthouse

In honor of the Circle's 100th anniversary President Morton Schapiro and his wife Mimi hosted a dinner for members of the University Circle and this year's Circle Scholarship winners at their beautiful residence at Wieboldt House on April 22.

Upon arriving guests enjoyed cocktails and appetizers while they had a chance to mingle with other Circle members. Some of them had traveled from far to attend this very special event.

After guests took their seats at the beautifully decorated tables, President Schapiro opened the dinner with a welcome speech telling them about the history of Wieboldt House and also about his very busy schedule that includes a lot of traveling.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious three-course dinner. The soup course, a sampler of butternut squash soup with roasted apples, tomato soup, and matzo ball soup, each served in a demitasse, was followed by chicken piccata with couscous and grilled asparagus. Dessert was poppyseed poundcake with vanilla ice cream and candied lemon and lime peel.

Jane Dowding and Trink Newman took turns delivering



50-YEAR CIRCLE MEMBERS



their speech in which they reviewed some highlights in the Circle's history. Margaret Schatz represented the Circle's quilting group, the Piecemakers, and talked about the impressive number of quilts the group has created. She then presented the Schapiros with a beautiful quilt for their home. And last but not least, Gay Menges introduced this year's Circle Scholarship winners. (see article on page 5)

**Here are some excerpts from**

**Jane Dowding's and Trink Newman's speech:**

*Thank you, Schapiros, for hosting us for dinner tonight in your lovely home to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Northwestern University Circle. 100 years is a long time. University Circle started at Northwestern before the United States got involved with World War I. Tonight we have among us several representatives of the most recent 50 years ... We would like to thank Dorothy Murphy, who is unable to be with us tonight, for compiling this information for University Circle's 75th Anniversary. Northwestern University Circle was started in 1915 to help establish a women's student social center with lunchroom facilities. There were 65 members the first year, and as of 1924, the dues were \$1 a year ... Sewing has always been a theme of University*

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Circle. In the early 1920's, the group sewed garments for the Northwestern Settlement House. In one year, they used 600 yards of fabric at a cost of \$144.54! In the 1930's, Circle owned 2 sewing machines, and in 1937-38, 8 sewing groups in Circle made 458 garments. During World War II, Circle hemmed diapers, made 15 baby jackets, 22 baby blankets, 65 sweaters, and 18 crocheted shawls ... Service has also been a big component of University Circle. During World War II, Circle's Red Cross Committee made surgical dressings; this group wore white dresses and head coverings...no nail polish or jewelry (wedding bands excepted!). Our relationship with the Northwestern Settlement House has been ongoing since we were founded in 1915. We have supported, and continue to support them in a variety of ways: for nearly 100 years, our group has been sewing and knitting items

for them. We have also supported families through the Settlement House Christmas project since the 1920's; this effort also continues today by providing holiday gifts and financial support. More recently, we have established a scholarship fund ... Fellowship is a big component of Northwestern University Circle. As we habla español, knit, sew, quilt, dine, tour, and support campus events, we are enjoying each other's company, and establishing lifelong friendships with others who care about Northwestern University in the same way we do. We come from various departments. Some of us are NU employees, some are spouses of employees, and some are alumni, but we all share a vision of making Northwestern University a better place as a result of our volunteer efforts and spirit. Northwestern University Circle has had an amazing 100 years, and we eagerly look forward to the next 100 years.

**Thank you for joining us in this celebration!**



# UNIVERSITY CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2015

by Gay Menges

**We gladly took the opportunity presented at the 100th anniversary celebration dinner to present our 2015 scholarship winners.** As part of Circle's mission to support the Northwestern community, we offer scholarships to qualified university employees who are also degree students in the School of Professional Studies (SPS). Our three winners this year work for various departments of the University and are outstanding students at SPS.

**Jessica Agosto** is a research administrator in the Department of Radiology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She is working toward a bachelor's degree in psychology; her goal is to pursue a master of arts in counseling psychology, with a concentration in health psychology. Passionate about physical fitness and psychology, she is interested in working in combination treatment therapy for those suffering from mental illness, trauma, chronic pain, or grief. She enjoys spending free time with her husband and two children and going to the theater.



Gay Menges announces the scholarship winners

A financial assistant for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, **Elizabeth Quinn** is earning a degree in psychology. After graduation, she hopes to pursue a PhD in social psychology, to study the importance of sibling interactions on personality development. Elizabeth volunteers in Professor Wendi Gardner's social psychology lab as a research assistant and is developing her own research project.



President Morton Schapiro with the scholarship recipients (L-R) Jessica Anoya Agosto, Elizabeth Quinn, Caitlin Tucker

Elizabeth is also training for her first triathlon.

A newsroom coordinator for University Relations at Northwestern, **Caitlin Tucker** is working toward a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration. Her volunteer efforts with various immigrant groups inspire her as a journalist to give voice to those who are not included in current social and political conversations. Caitlin believes that by enhancing her analytical and communication skills through her work as an administrator of public policy, she can achieve her goal of becoming a champion of women's rights. In her leisure time, Caitlin enjoys writing, oil painting, and visiting museums.



# POTLUCK & SHOW

## "FABULATION, OR THE RE-EDUCATION OF UNDINE"

– by Elisabeth Malthouse

On the evening of January 31, Circle members and their guests gathered for the annual potluck and show. This year's show was **"Fabulation, or the Re-education of Undine"**, a social satire written by Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright Lynn Nottage and produced by the Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts at Northwestern University.

The potluck was held in a meeting room on the third floor of the McCormick Tribune Center. Eleanor Prince did a wonderful job in giving the room a welcoming and friendly atmosphere with fresh carnations, candles and purple paper decorations on the tables. Upon arriving members enjoyed wine and appetizers while they had a chance to meet old and new friends. For dinner they sampled from a wide



variety of delicious main course dishes and salads and last but not least some very tasty desserts.

After dinner there was a short introduction to the evening's play by its director Jerrell L. Henderson who is currently pursuing his MFA in Directing from Northwestern University. He talked about fabulation as a fabricated story, a story that lives only in the present, ever evolving and not quite finished. The play's protagonist, Undine, is a very successful publicist seemingly in control of her world in downtown Manhattan. But it all falls apart when her "perfect" husband disappears with all her money and she is left behind pregnant and without financial resources. She is forced to return to her childhood home in a Brooklyn housing development, where she has to come to terms with the working class world she had tried to leave forever behind.



## REMEMBERING NANCY SPEARS

A longstanding NU Circle member, Nancy Spears passed away on Christmas Day 2014. She has given so much to Circle over the years, most recently compiling and editing our membership directory for close to ten years. She will be remembered for so freely sharing her talents, boundless energy, spirit, and love with NU Circle, as she did with many other organizations.



## DIM SUM BRUNCH AT KOI

- by Elisabeth Malthouse



On a sunny and cold Sunday in February, the Circle's Ethnic Dining group gathered for brunch at the Asian restaurant Koi in downtown Evanston. They enjoyed a variety of traditional Chinese dim sum dishes. Dim sum is a style of Cantonese food prepared as small bite-sized or individual portions of food traditionally served in small steamer baskets or on small plates.

The meal started out with a variety of steamed dumplings - shrimp dumplings, xialong bao (pork soup dumplings) and shao mai, another type of pork dumpling. The dumplings were followed by pork belly bao where the pork belly was eaten taco-style in fluffy buns topped with spring onions and a tasty plum sauce. Next were dishes of stir-fried baby bok choy, spicy salt & pepper shrimp and delicious roasted duck with crispy skin. The meal ended with five-spice marinated cold beef and big bowls of pan-fried noodles with a seafood mix of scallops, sole filet and shrimp.

While they savored the bounty of delicious food, Circle members and their spouses also enjoyed each other's company and they are looking forward to future Ethnic Dining events.

## NU CIRCLE MAY LUNCHEON

was held **Wednesday, May 20**  
**Allen Center, Evanston Campus**

## LECTURE AND MINI-TOUR OF THE INUIT SCULPTURE COLLECTION

by Eliot Waldman



## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

**JUNE 16 - YEAR-END POTLUCK**

**JULY/AUGUST - NO MEETINGS**

**SEPTEMBER 17**

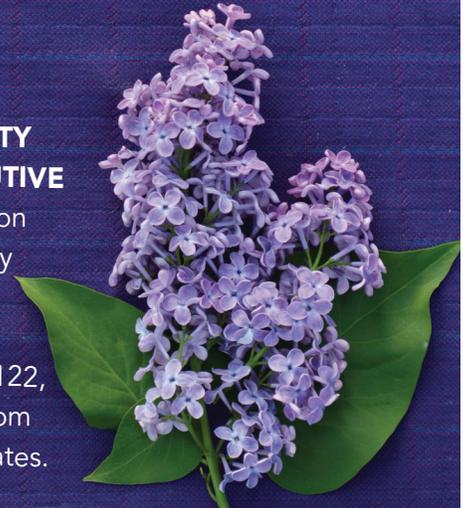
**OCTOBER 15**

**NOVEMBER 19**

**DECEMBER - NO MEETING**

### THE UNIVERSITY CIRCLE EXECUTIVE BOARD

meets on  
the 3rd Thursday  
of the month,  
in Parkes Hall,  
1st floor Room 122,  
12 noon - 1:00 pm  
on the above dates.



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# UNIVERSITY CIRCLE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



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